

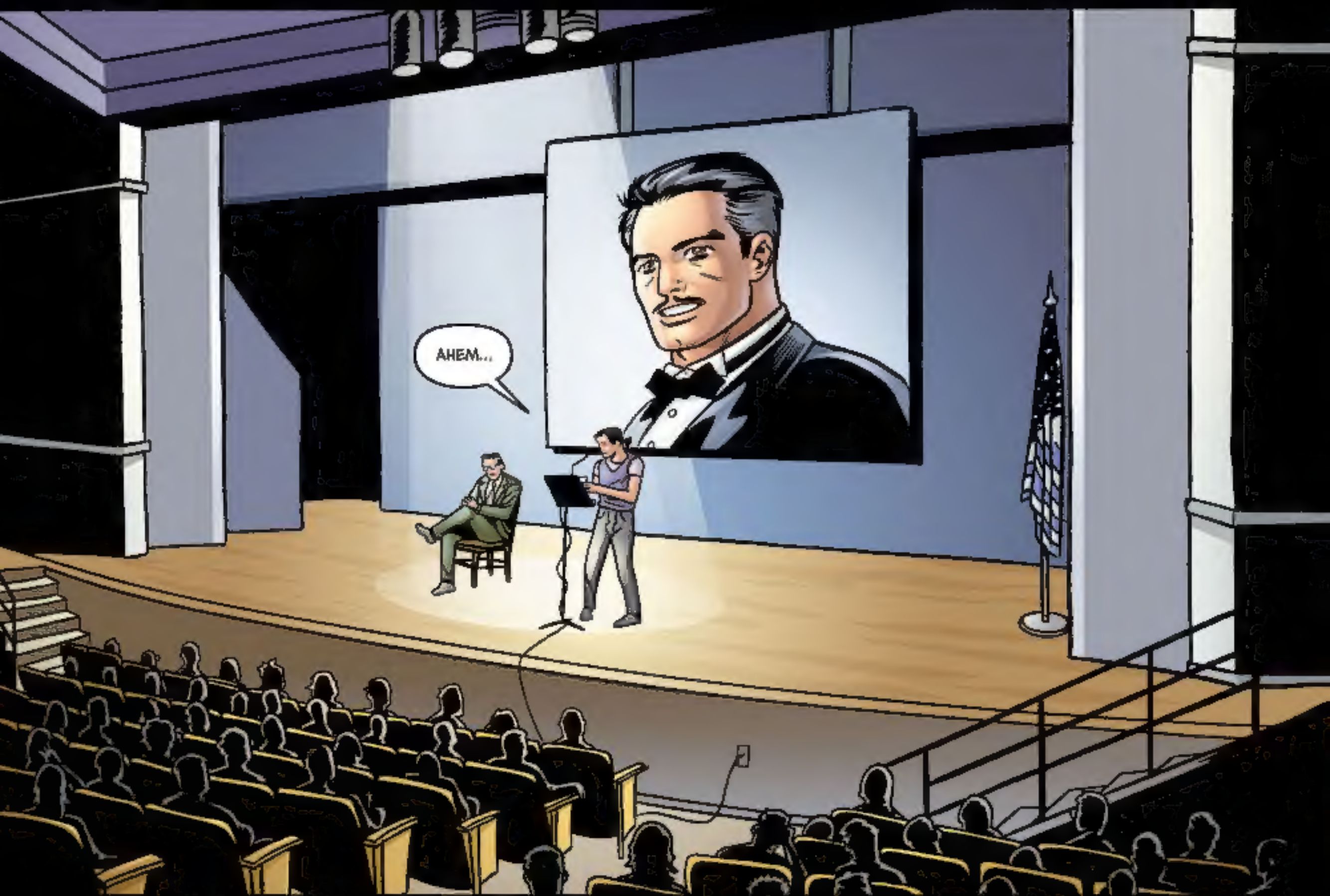
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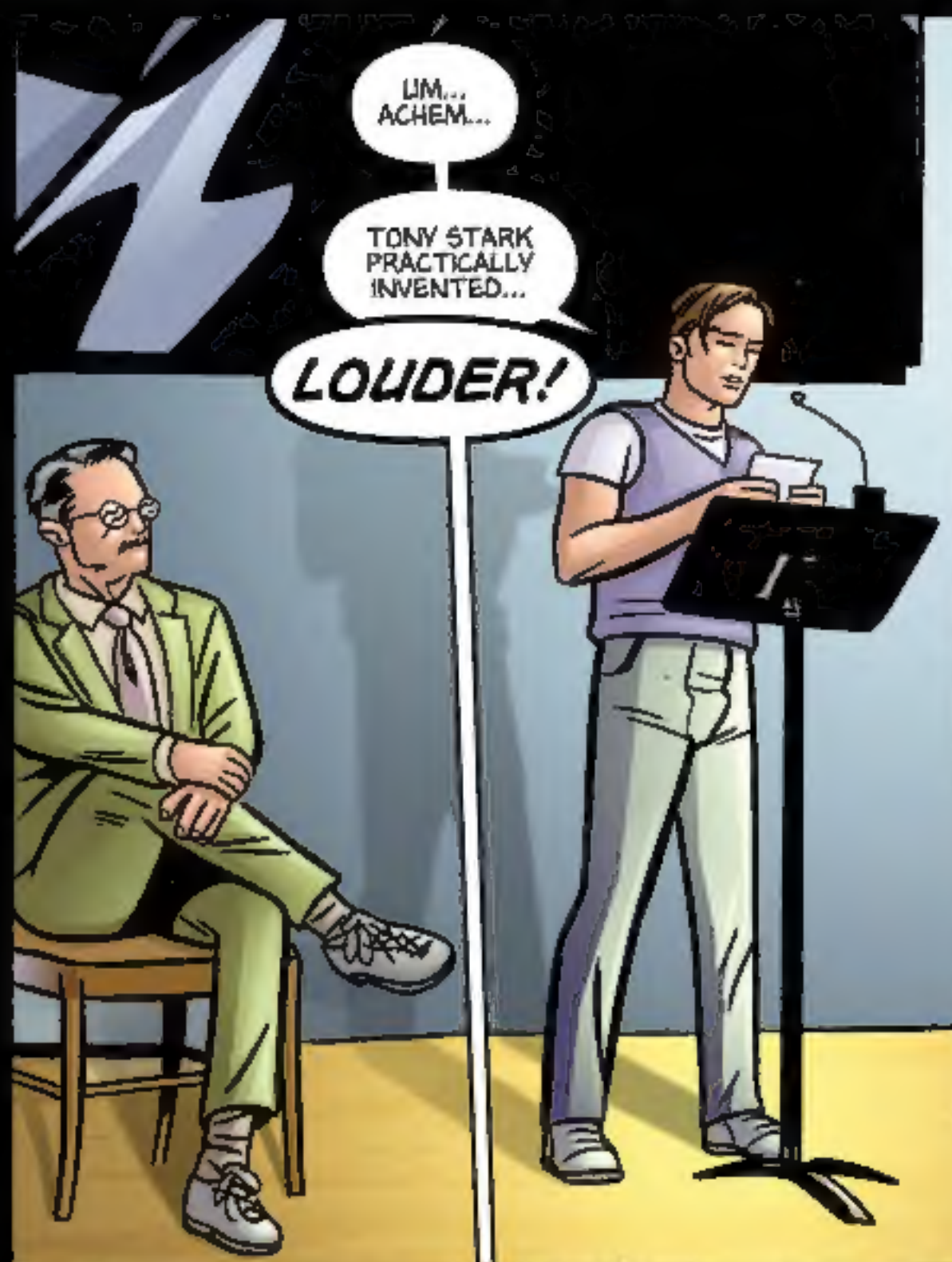


SPIDER-MAN & IRON-MAN
PART ONE OF TWO



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TONY STARK
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T-TONY
STARK PRACTICALLY
INVENTED THE
TERM "SELF-MADE
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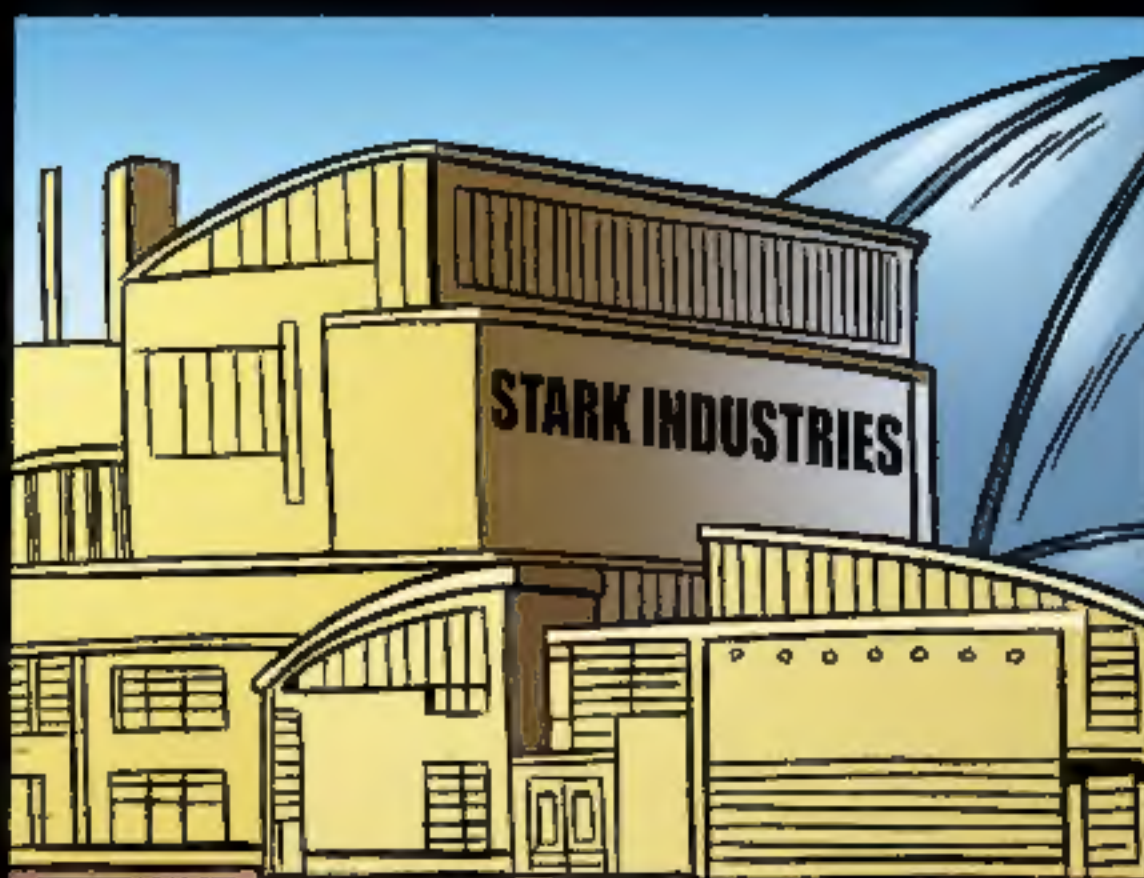
"TONY STARK IS CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF SCIENTIST OF STARK INDUSTRIES... THE WORLDWIDE LEADER OF TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENTS."



"SOME SAY THAT EVERY HOME IN AMERICA IS IN SOME WAY CONVENIENCED BY A STARK INDUSTRIES PRODUCT."

"SLIDE."

CLIK



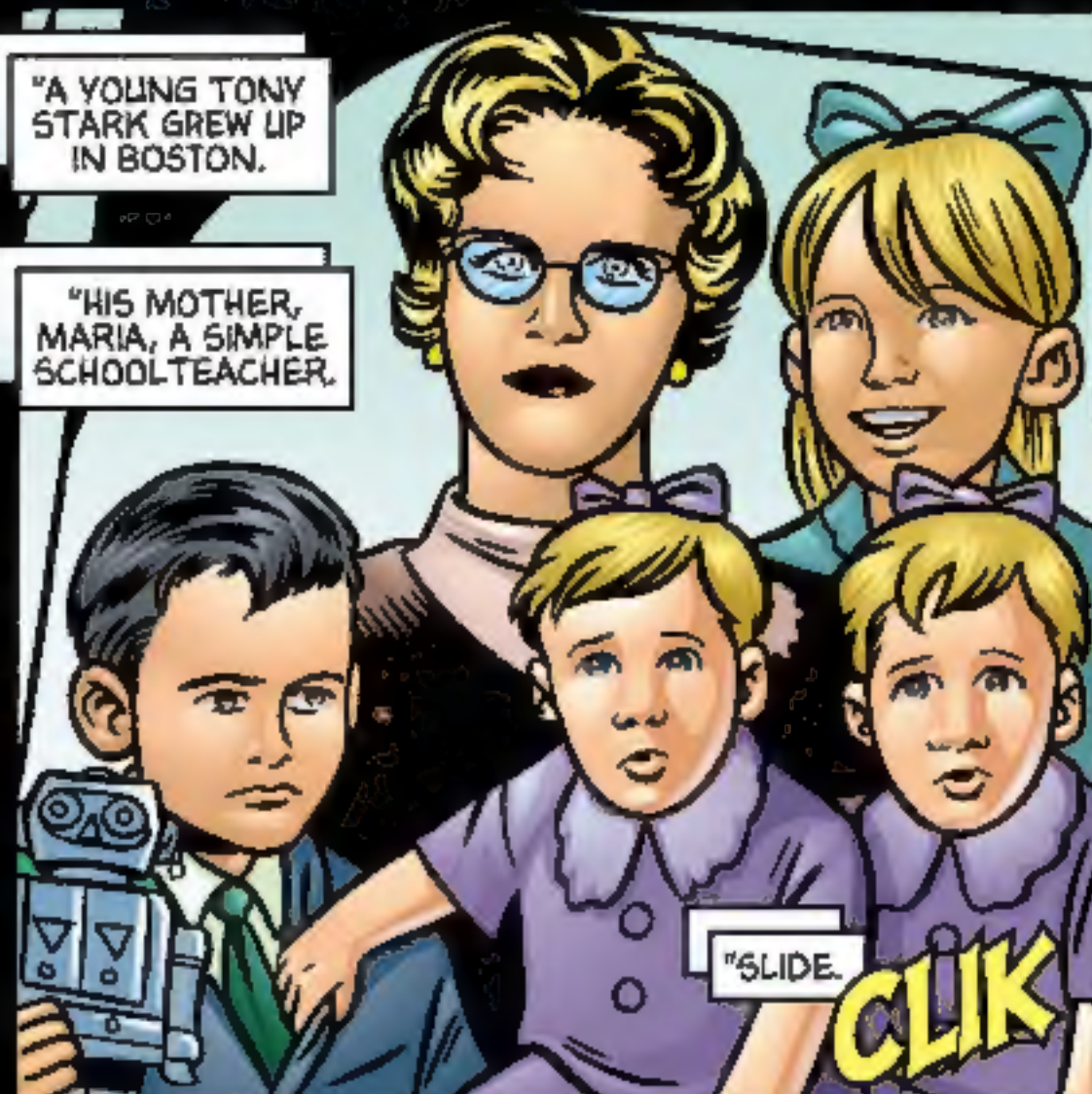
"STARK INDUSTRIES HAD REVENUES OF \$23 BILLION LAST YEAR AND EMPLOYS OVER 40,000 PEOPLE IN 60 COUNTRIES."

"SLIDE."

CLIK

"A YOUNG TONY STARK GREW UP IN BOSTON."

"HIS MOTHER, MARIA, A SIMPLE SCHOOLTEACHER."



"SLIDE."

CLIK

"A SCIENCE WHIZ KID ALL THROUGH HIS CHILDHOOD, HE AMASSED A SMALL PERSONAL FORTUNE APPEARING ON POPULAR GAME SHOWS."

"HE BECAME WELL KNOWN NATIONALLY, AND WAS OFTEN A GUEST ON DAVID LETTERMAN."



"SLIDE."

CLIK

"IN 1981, STARK ENTERED HARVARD UNIVERSITY AS A FRESHMAN, WHERE HE LIVED DOWN THE HALL FROM THE NOW EQUALLY FAMOUS DR. REED RICHARDS."

"IT IS BELIEVED THAT WHILE AT HARVARD, STARK DEVELOPED THE PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE FOR THE FIRST IRONTECH ARMOR."



"SLIDE."

CLIK

"BUT IN HIS JUNIOR YEAR, STARK DROPPED OUT OF HARVARD TO DEVOTE HIS ENERGIES TO HIS FLEDGLING COMPANY, STARK INDUSTRIES."



"SLIDE."

CLIK


DAILY BUGLE
MISSING DEAD

"BUT IT WAS ON A BUSINESS TRIP TO GUATEMALA WHERE TONY STARK WENT FROM SEMI-FAMOUS TO LEGENDARY."

"A SMALL JET CARRYING 39 PEOPLE INCLUDING STARK AND HIS COUSIN/BUSINESS PARTNER WENT DOWN SOMEWHERE IN THE DEEP JUNGLE."

"TO MOST OF THE WORLD, ALL THE PASSENGERS WERE MISSING AND PRESUMED DEAD."

"SLIDE. **CLIK**"

A man with dark hair and a mustache, wearing a blue suit, is shown from the chest up. He is looking slightly to the right. To his left, a woman with blonde hair is partially visible, looking towards him. They appear to be on a jet, with a window and some interior structure visible in the background.

"ACTUALLY THEY WERE BEING HELD CAPTIVE BY GUERRILLA TERRORISTS KNOWN AS 'THE RED DEVIL.'"

"AND AFTER EIGHT LONG MONTHS OF WHAT HAS BEEN REPORTED TO BE INHUMAN TORTURE..."

"...TORTURE THAT EVENTUALLY CLAIMED THE LIFE OF STARK'S COUSIN, MORGAN..."

"SLIDE. **CLIK**"

A man in a blue flight suit is standing on a jet, looking out. A woman in a blue hijab is also on the jet, looking towards the man. Another man in a yellow shirt is visible in the background. The jet is flying over a body of water.

"STARK LED A DARING RESCUE MISSION THAT NOT ONLY SAVED THE LIVES OF HIS REMAINING FELLOW CAPTIVES..."

"...BUT KICK-STARTED EVENTS THAT EVENTUALLY ENDED THE RED DEVIL'S REIGN OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM."


"SLIDE. **CLIK**"

A man in a white suit and tie is standing behind a podium, speaking into a microphone. The podium has the Seal of the President of the United States on it. The background is a green wall with a red and white striped curtain.

"THOUGH IT ISN'T PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE WHAT KIND OF TRAUMA TONY STARK SUFFERED DURING THIS HEROIC RESCUE..."

"...IT WAS ENOUGH TO KEEP THE USUALLY FLAMBOYANT STARK OUT OF THE PUBLIC SPOTLIGHT FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS."

"SLIDE. **CLIK**"

A close-up of a man's face, looking distressed. He has dark hair and a mustache. His hand is covering his face, with his fingers spread. The background is a purple wall with a red and white striped curtain.

"WHEN STARK DID RETURN TO PUBLIC LIFE, HE WASN'T ALONE. HE BROUGHT WITH HIM AN INVENTION THAT CAPTURED THE ENTIRE WORLD'S IMAGINATION:"

"IRON MAN."

"SLIDE. **CLIK**"

A man in a red and gold Iron Man suit is shown from the chest up. He is looking directly at the camera. He is surrounded by several microphones, some of which have the letters "WNS" on them. The background is a blue wall.

"TONY STARK IS IRON MAN."

"A MASCOT OF THE COMPANY, A MODERN DAY KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR, BUT SO MUCH MORE."

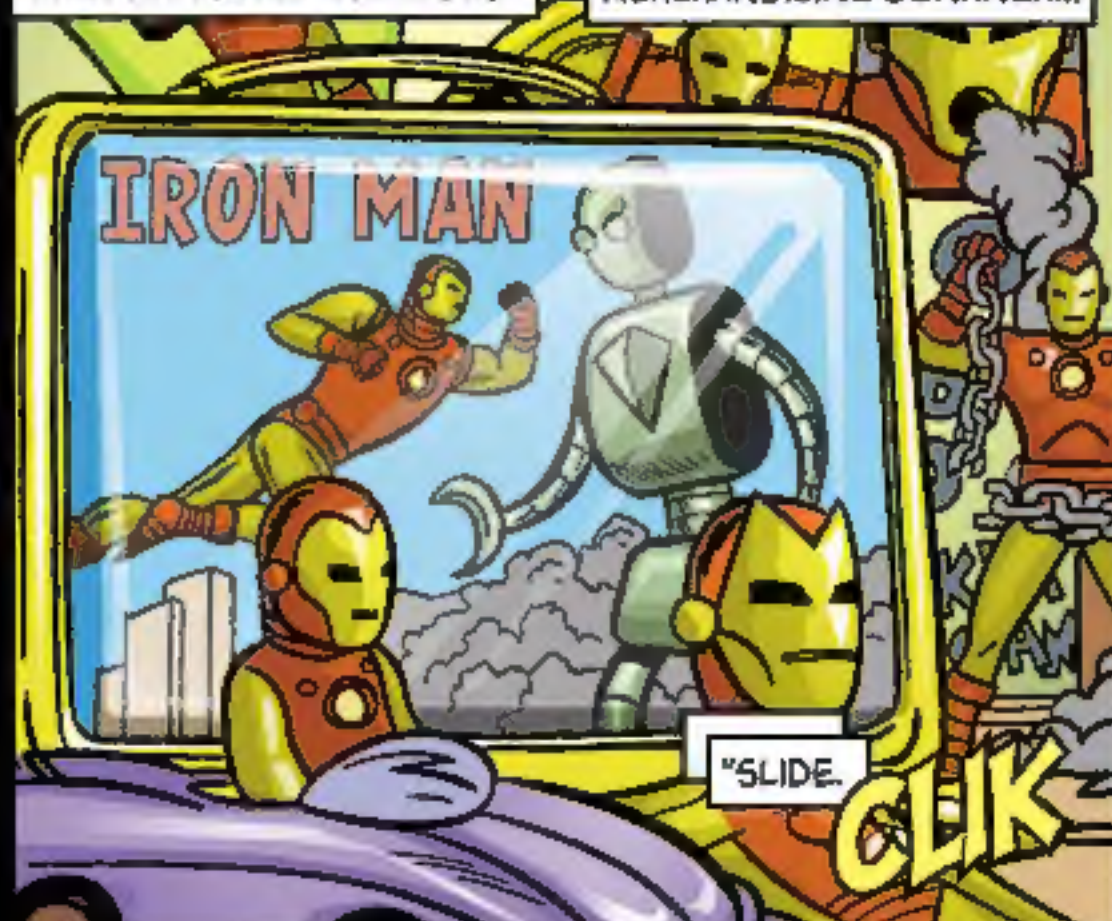
"IT IS THE FIRST AND ONLY APPLICATION OF STARK'S MYSTERY IRONTECH TECHNOLOGY."

"SLIDE. **CLIK**"

A man in a red and gold Iron Man suit is shown from the waist up, flying through the air. He is looking towards the camera. The background is a blue sky with a city skyline in the distance.

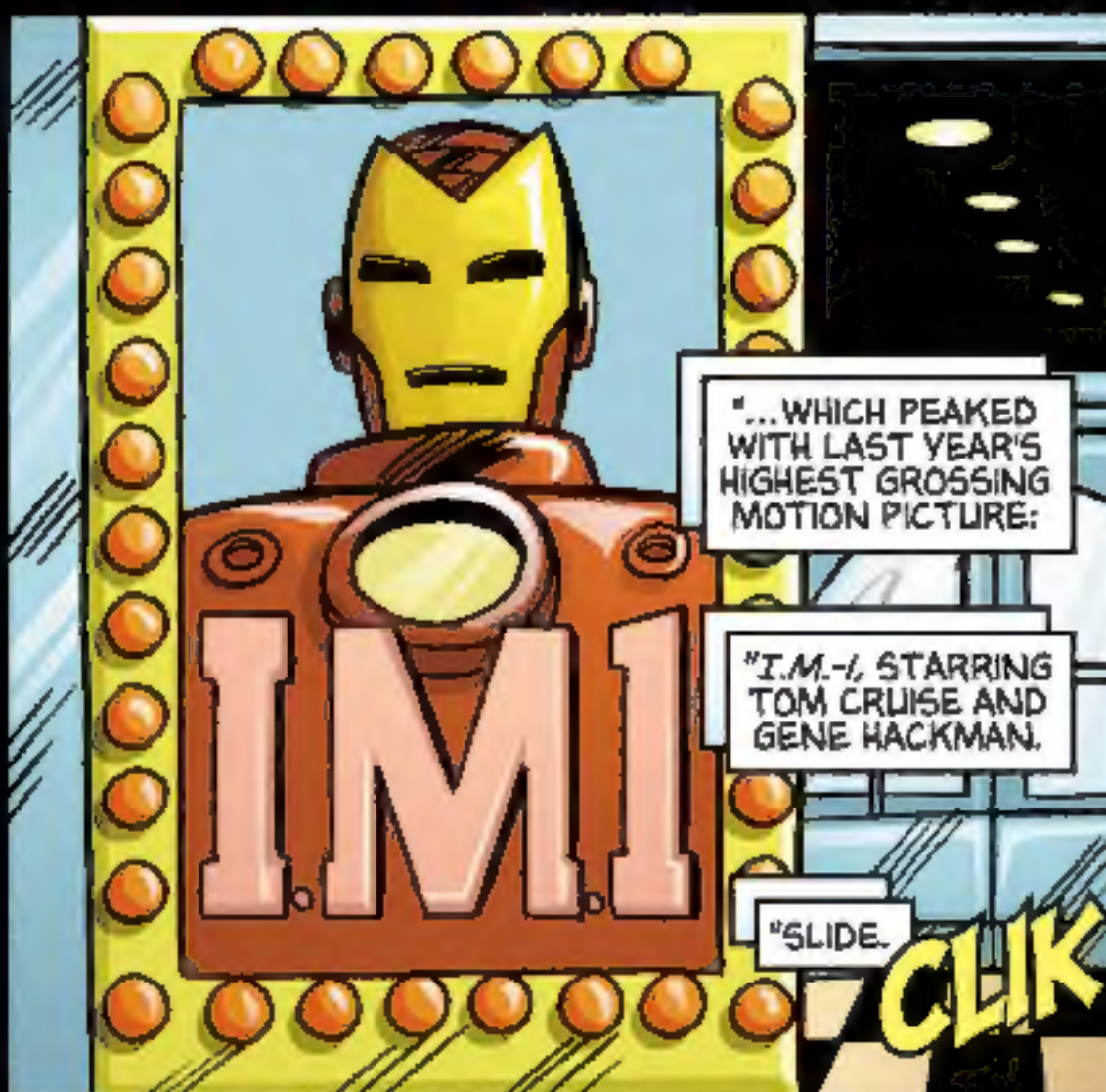
"A COUPLE OF YEARS BACK, AFTER TONY USED THE IRON MAN ARMOR TO SAVE THE VICE PRESIDENT FROM AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT, IRON MAN MANIA EXPLODED.

"HE WAS THE STARK INDUSTRIES MASCOT, ONE MAN'S TECHNOLOGICAL REVOLUTION, A HEROIC FIGURE, AND NOW A MERCHANDISING BONANZA...



"...WHICH PEAKED WITH LAST YEAR'S HIGHEST GROSSING MOTION PICTURE:

"I.M.-I, STARRING TOM CRUISE AND GENE HACKMAN.



"NO ONE IS ACTUALLY SURE HOW THE IRONTECH TECHNOLOGY WORKS.

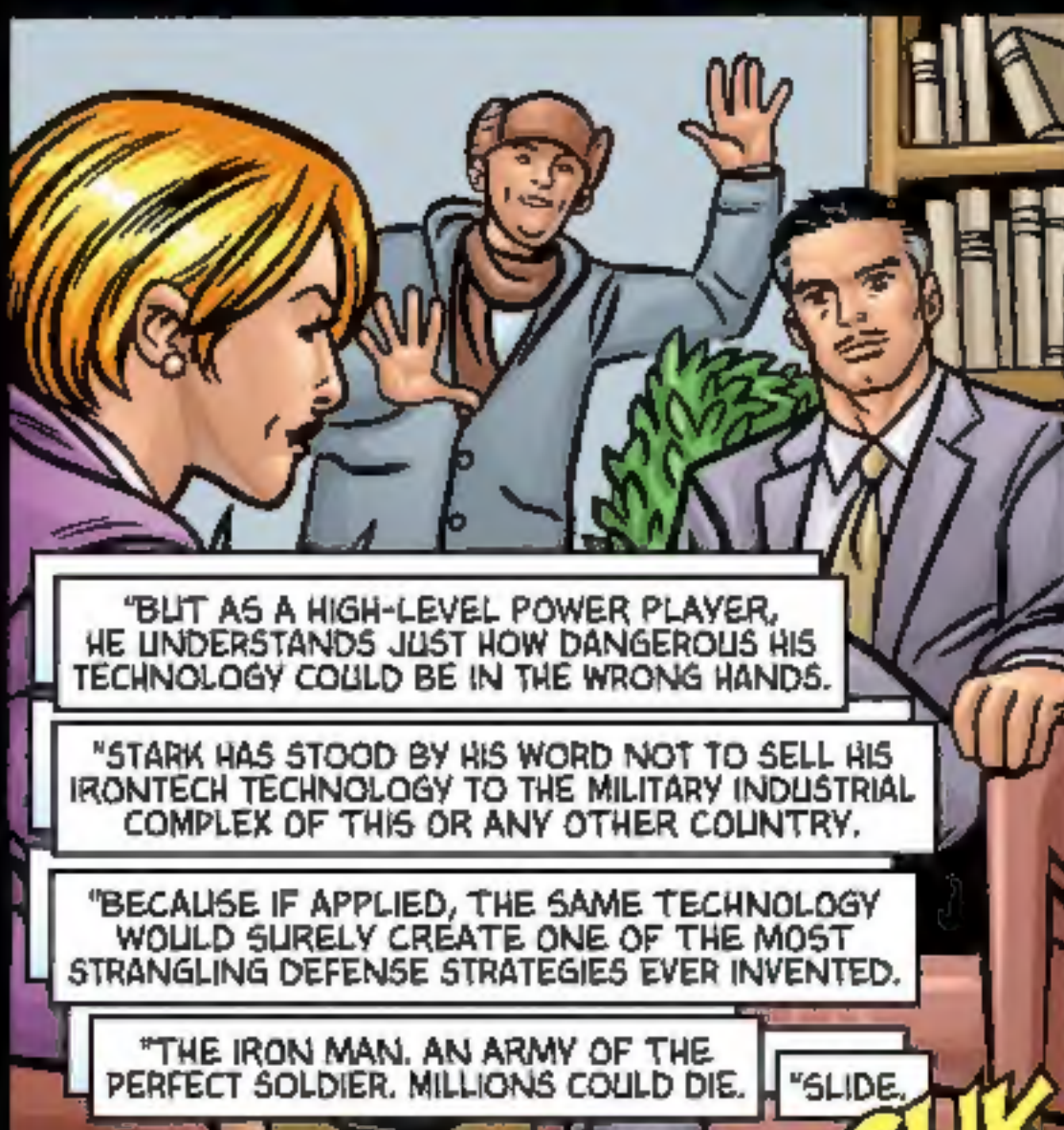
"MOST BELIEVE IT TO BE AN ADVANCED MIXTURE OF BIO-ENGINEERING AND ROBOTICS.



"NO ONE ELSE HAS EVER BEEN ABLE TO DUPLICATE IT, AND STARK HAS MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT THE TECHNOLOGY IS NOT FOR SALE.



"STARK IS CONSTANTLY ACCUSED OF BEING SELFISH AND UNAMERICAN FOR NOT SHARING THE IRONTECH TECHNOLOGY.

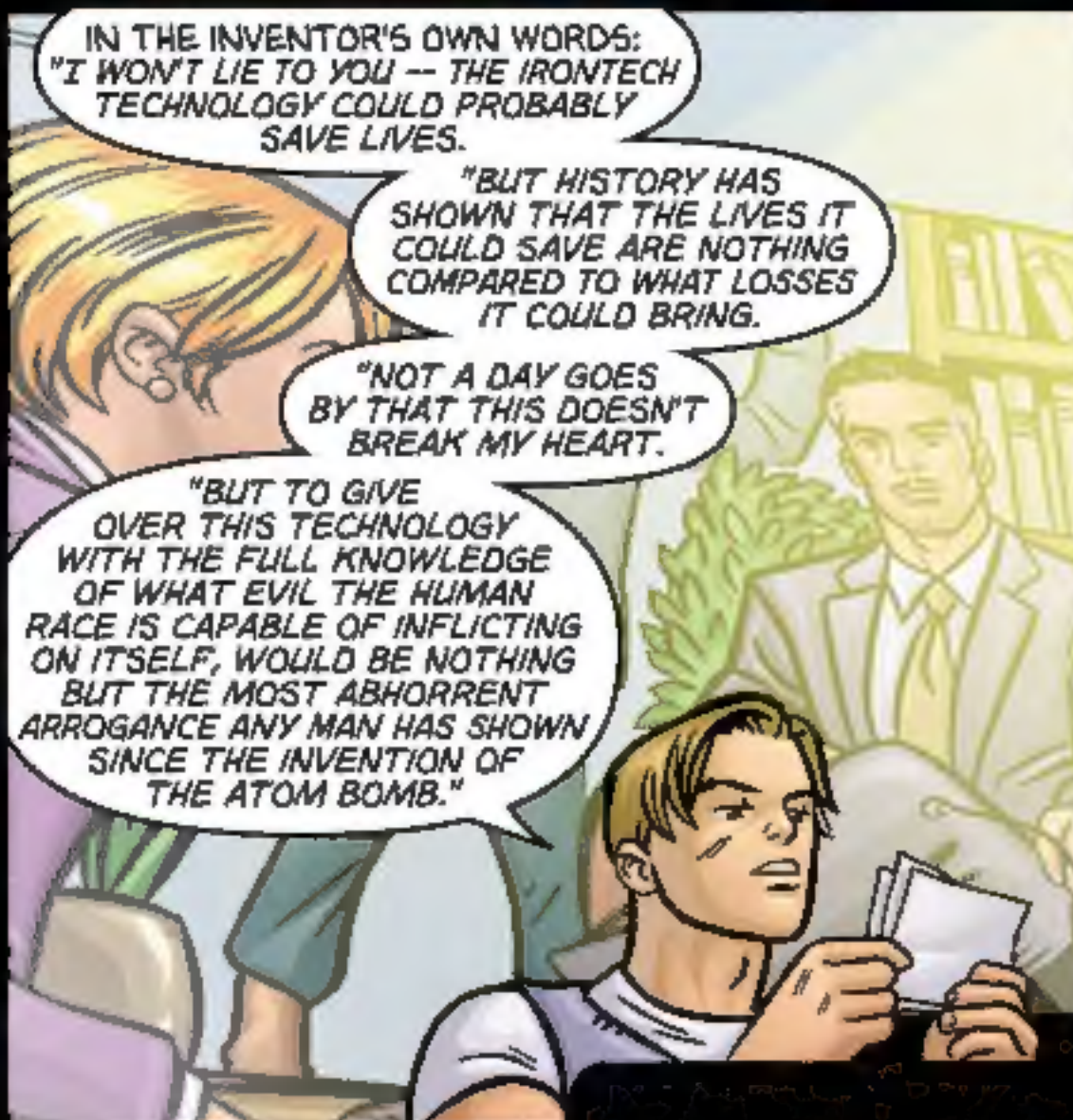


"BUT AS A HIGH-LEVEL POWER PLAYER, HE UNDERSTANDS JUST HOW DANGEROUS HIS TECHNOLOGY COULD BE IN THE WRONG HANDS.

"STARK HAS STOOD BY HIS WORD NOT TO SELL HIS IRONTECH TECHNOLOGY TO THE MILITARY INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX OF THIS OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY.

"BECAUSE IF APPLIED, THE SAME TECHNOLOGY WOULD SURELY CREATE ONE OF THE MOST STRANGLING DEFENSE STRATEGIES EVER INVENTED.

"THE IRON MAN. AN ARMY OF THE PERFECT SOLDIER. MILLIONS COULD DIE.

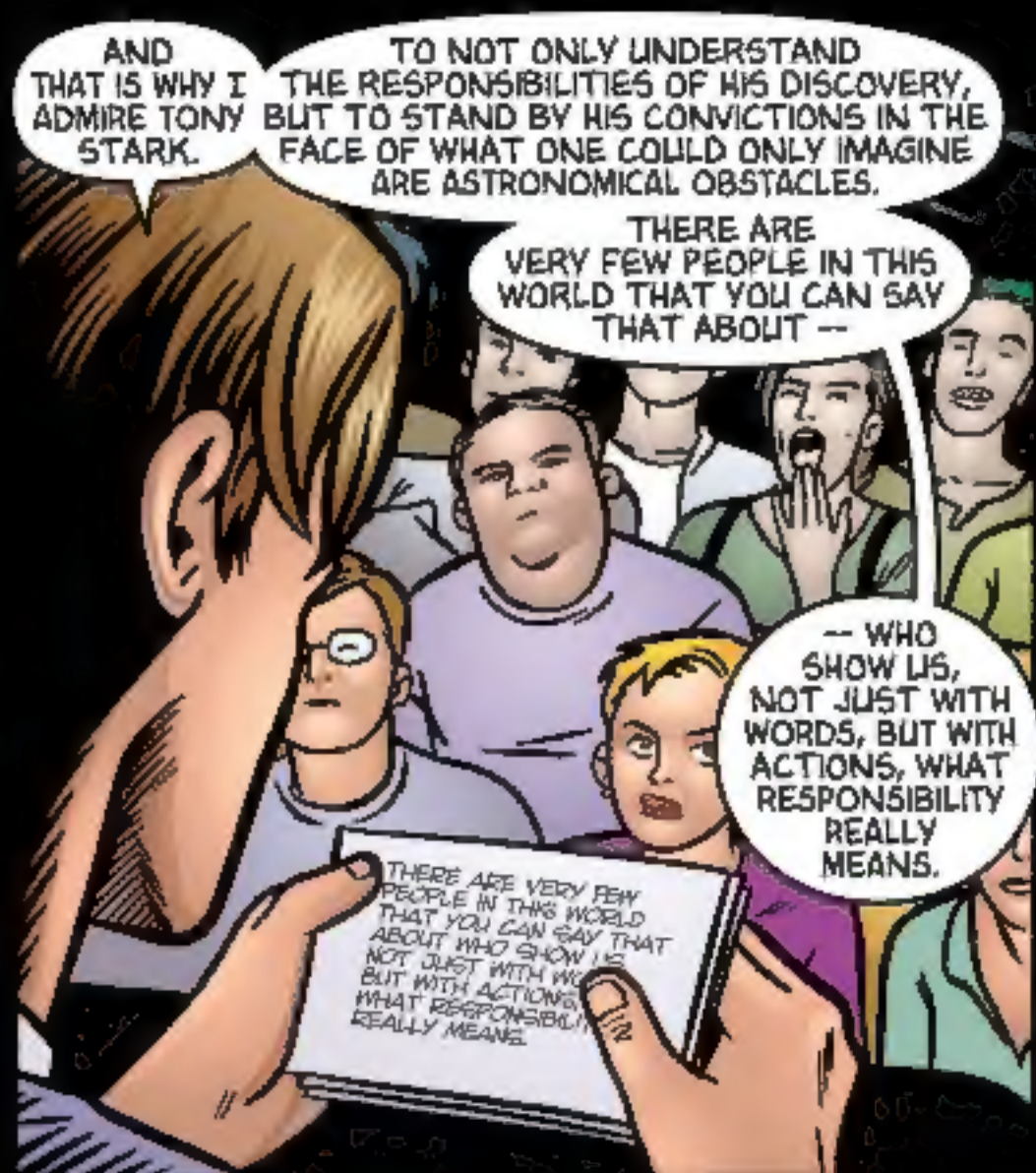


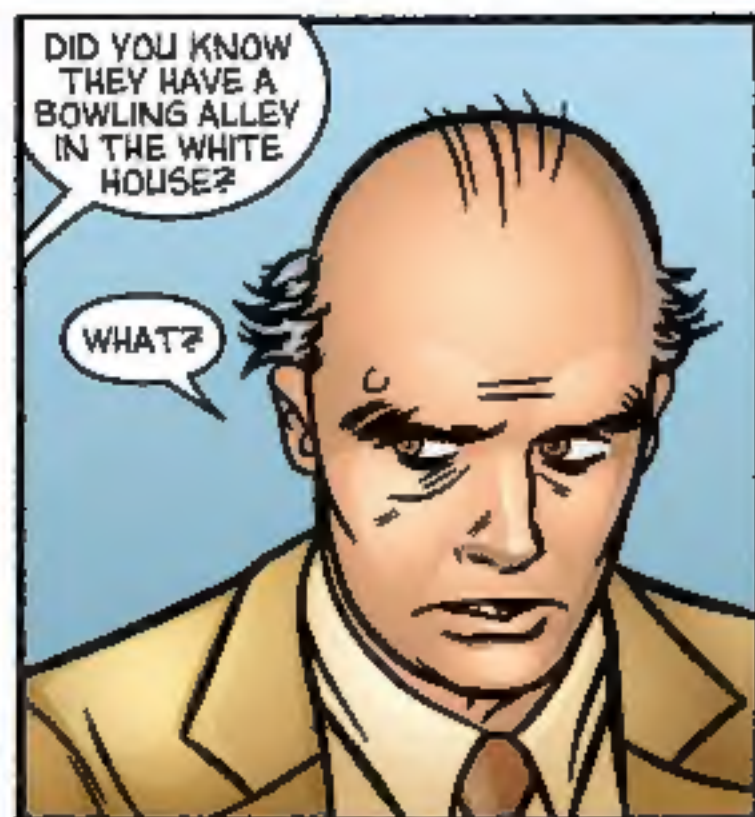
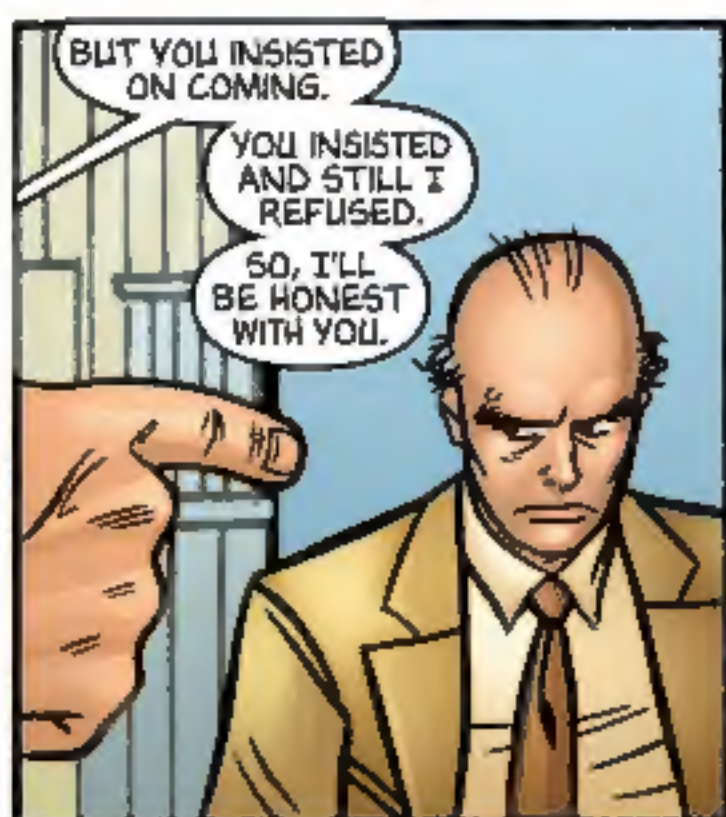
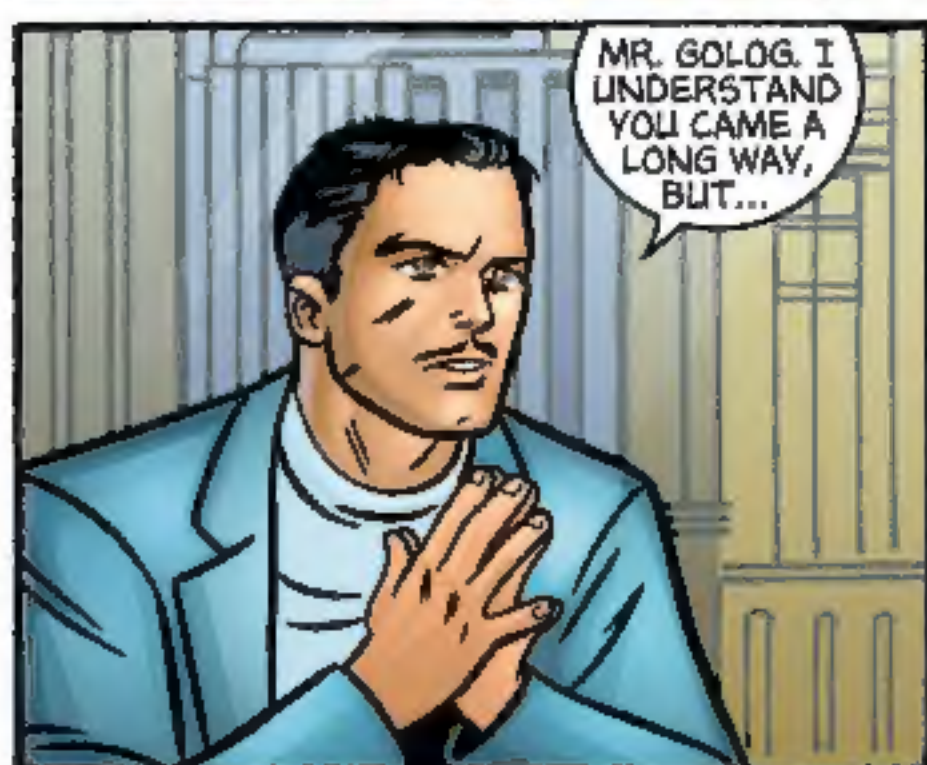
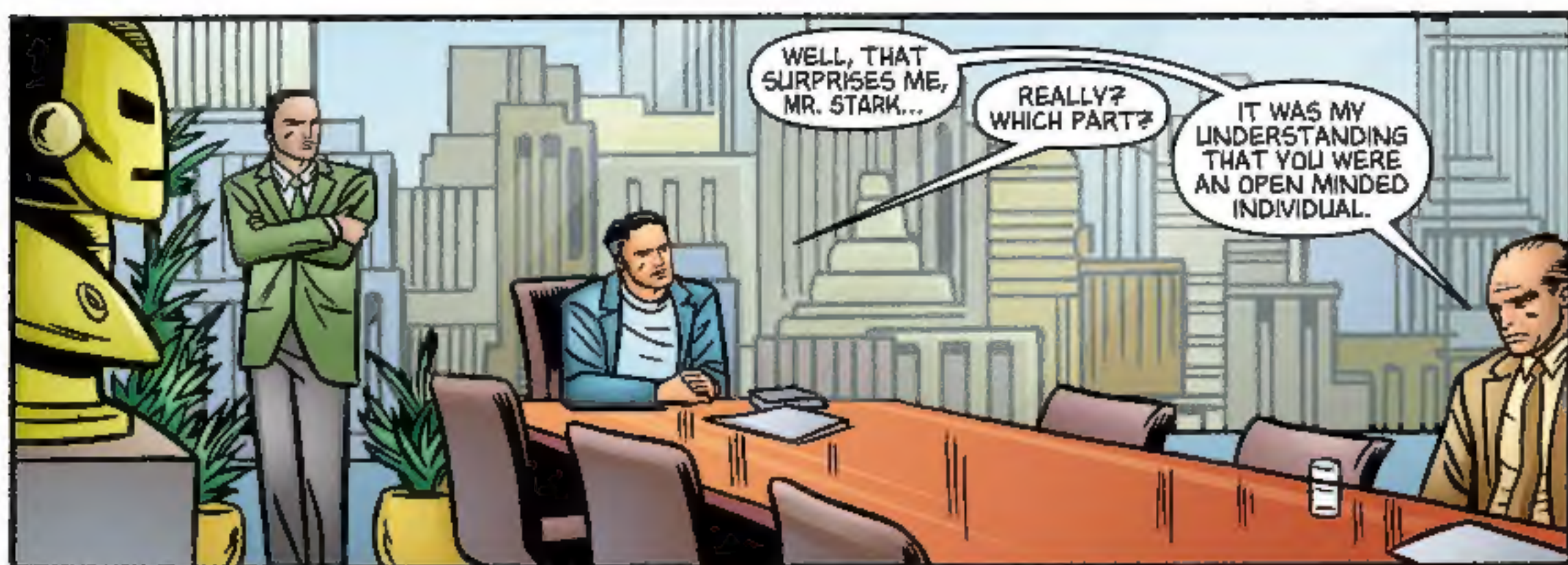
IN THE INVENTOR'S OWN WORDS: "I WON'T LIE TO YOU -- THE IRONTECH TECHNOLOGY COULD PROBABLY SAVE LIVES.

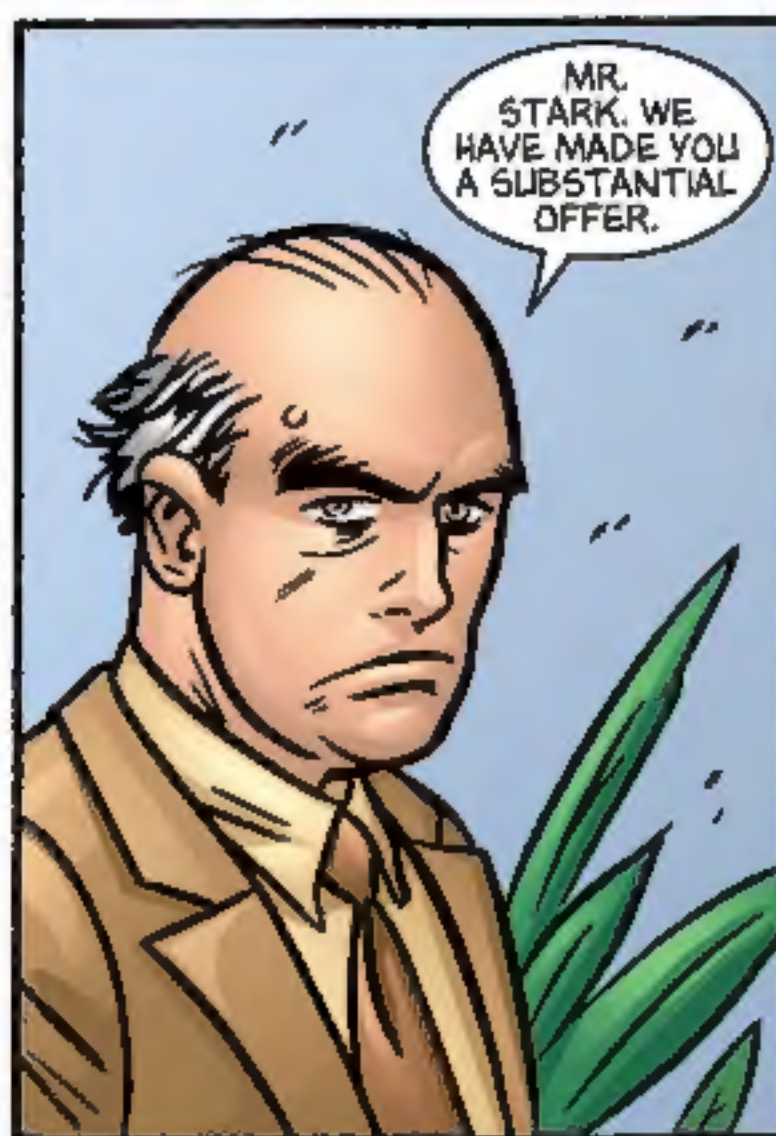
"BUT HISTORY HAS SHOWN THAT THE LIVES IT COULD SAVE ARE NOTHING COMPARED TO WHAT LOSSES IT COULD BRING.

"NOT A DAY GOES BY THAT THIS DOESN'T BREAK MY HEART.

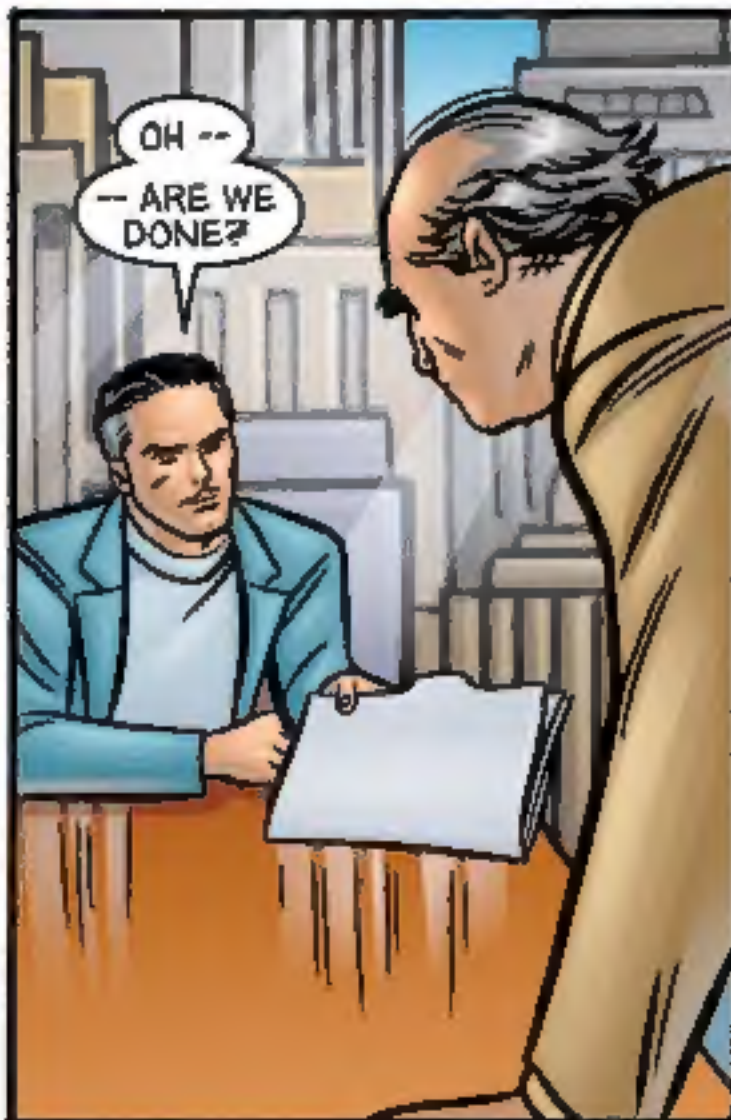
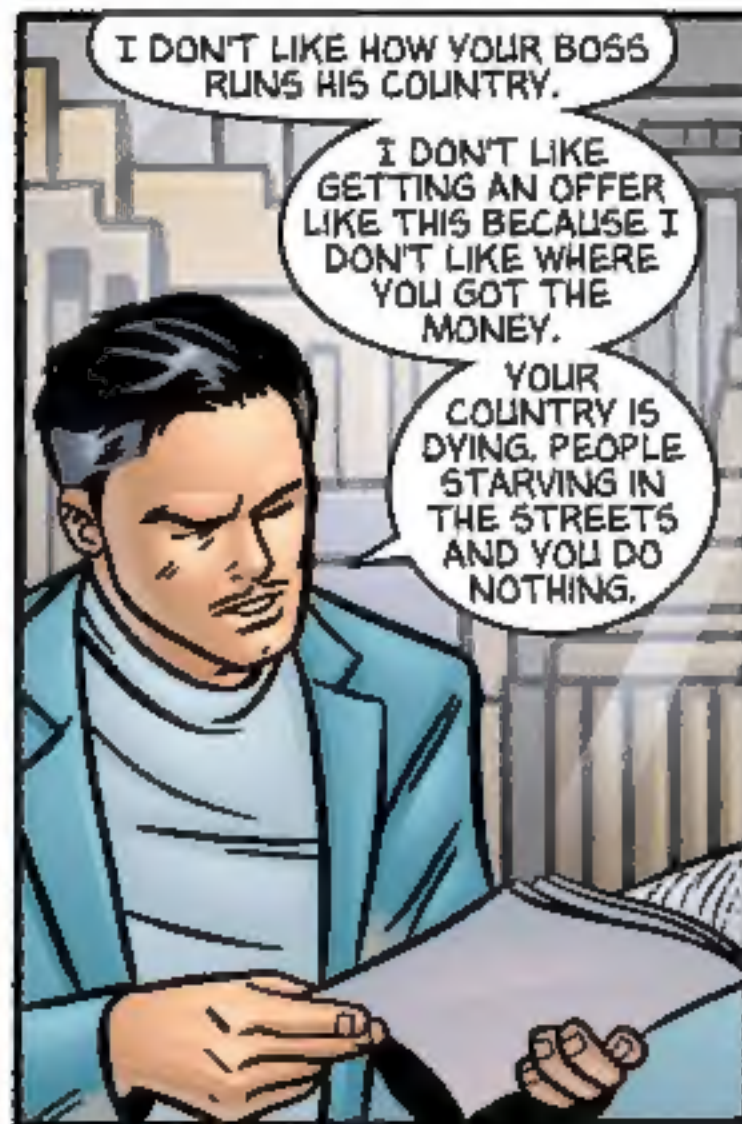
"BUT TO GIVE OVER THIS TECHNOLOGY WITH THE FULL KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT EVIL THE HUMAN RACE IS CAPABLE OF INFLECTING ON ITSELF, WOULD BE NOTHING BUT THE MOST ABHORRENT ARROGANCE ANY MAN HAS SHOWN SINCE THE INVENTION OF THE ATOM BOMB."

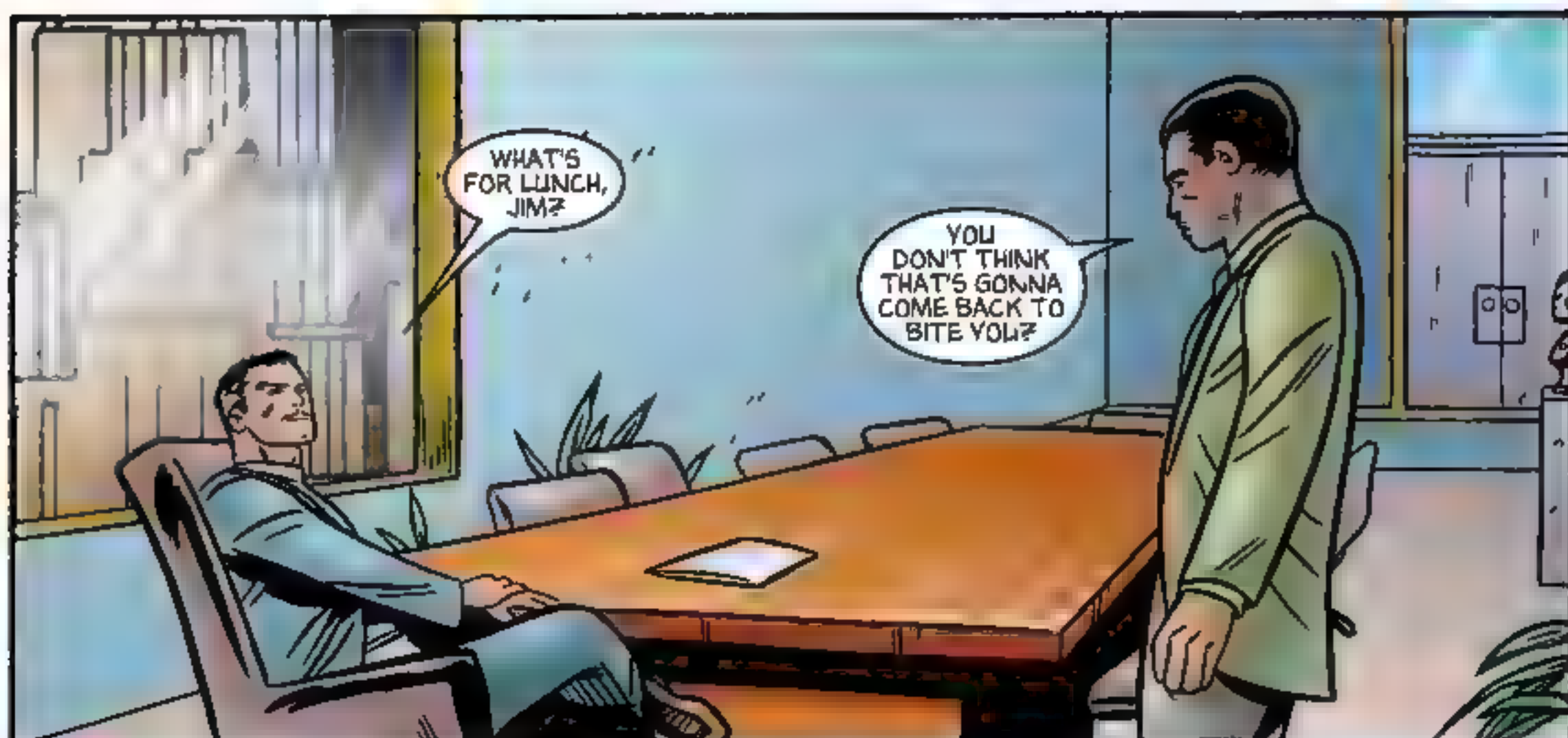


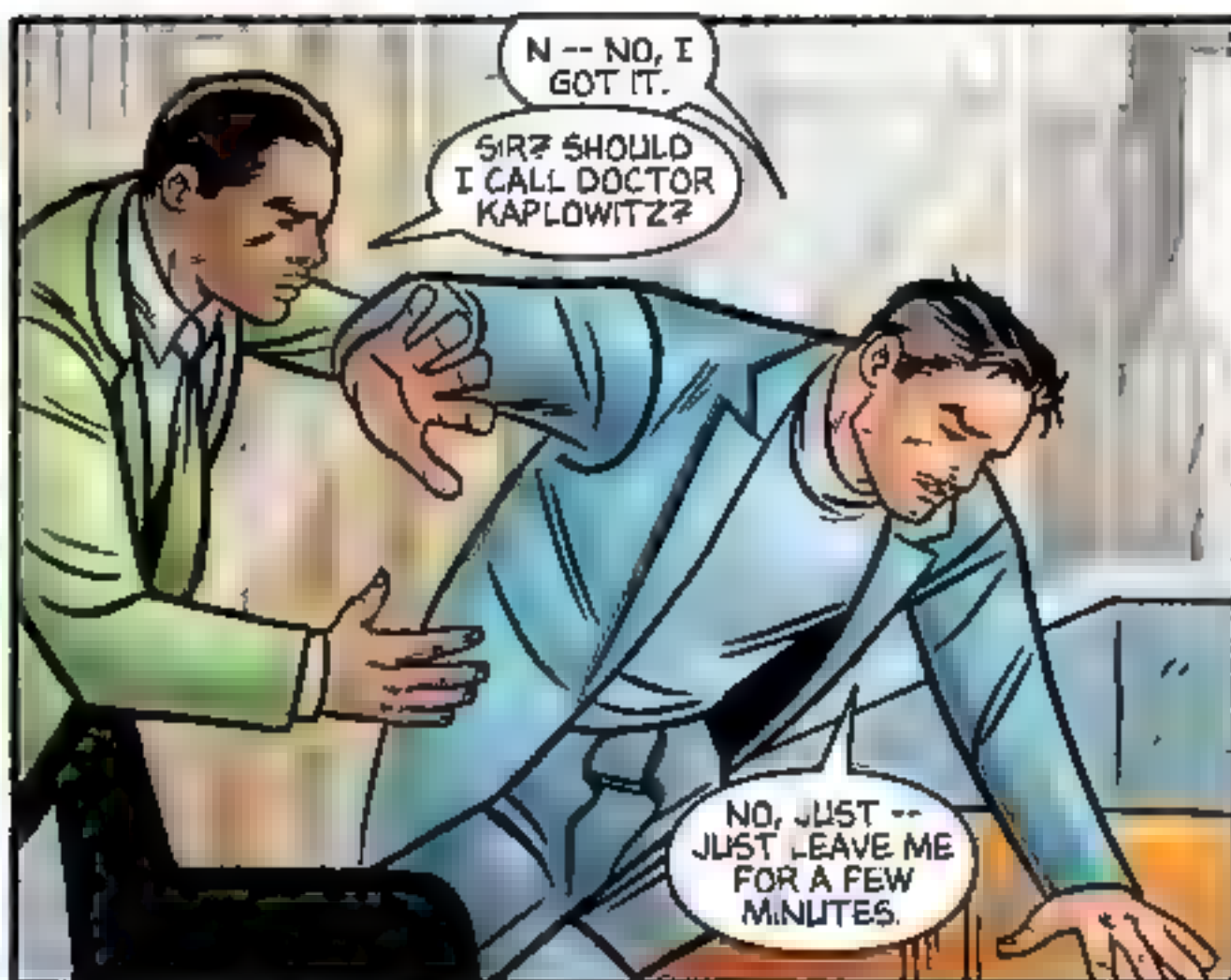















A comic book panel showing Spider-Man in his iconic red and blue suit swinging on a thick cable over a city street. In the background, a cable car is visible on a track. Spider-Man is in a dynamic pose, leaning forward as he swings. The city below is filled with cars and buildings.

BUT IT'S OKAY.

I'M PRETTY SURE YOU CAN GROW UP
TO BE A HEALTHY ADULT BY EATING
NOTHING BUT STREET VENDOR
PRETZELS THREE MEALS A DAY.

I JUST HOPE MY TEENAGE
CONSTITUTION DOESN'T
CATCH UP WITH ME.

CAN YOU IMAGINE A
GUT IN THIS OUTFIT?

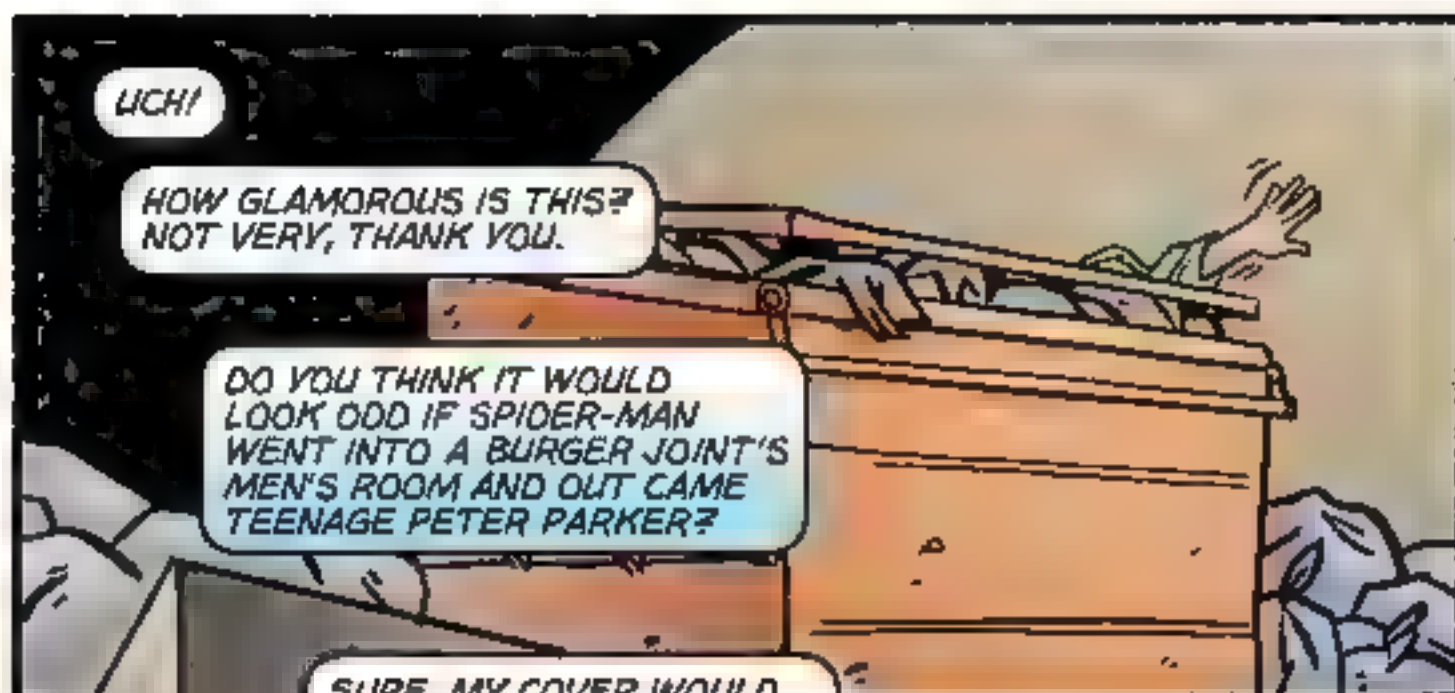
J. JONAH JAMESON AT
THE DAILY BUGLE IS
HAVING A FIELD DAY
WITH ME AS IT IS.

I CAN SEE THE HEADLINE: THE
SPECTACULAR SPIDER-HAM.



OH WELL, THAT'S ENOUGH AMATEUR TEENAGE SUPER HERO STUFF FOR ONE DAY

WHOAH, HEAD RUSH.



UCH!

HOW GLAMOROUS IS THIS? NOT VERY, THANK YOU.

DO YOU THINK IT WOULD LOOK ODD IF SPIDER-MAN WENT INTO A BURGER JOINT'S MEN'S ROOM AND OUT CAME TEENAGE PETER PARKER?

SURE, MY COVER WOULD BE BLOWN, BUT IT WOULD BEAT CHANGING LIKE THIS.

WAIT -- A BURGER JOINT'S MEN'S ROOM? ACTUALLY, THIS IS A LOT MORE SANITARY.

MANOMAN, I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS FOR A MONTH

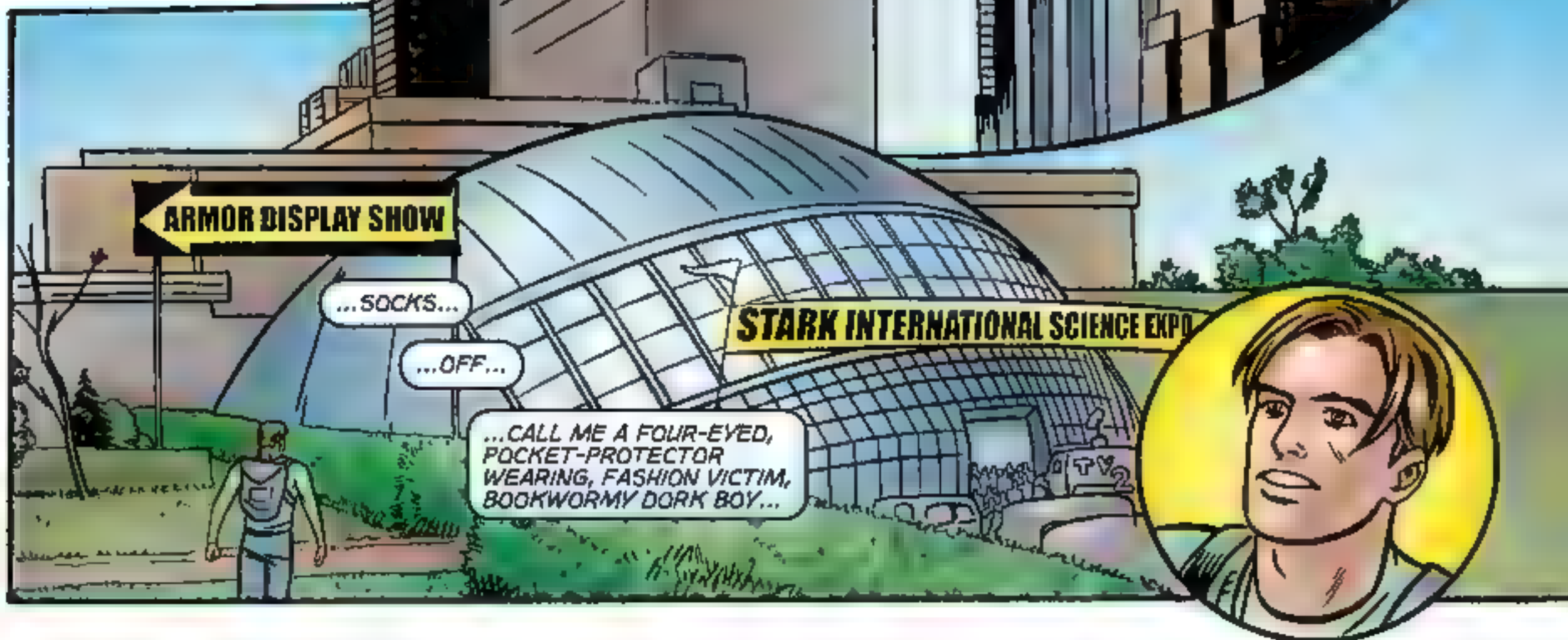
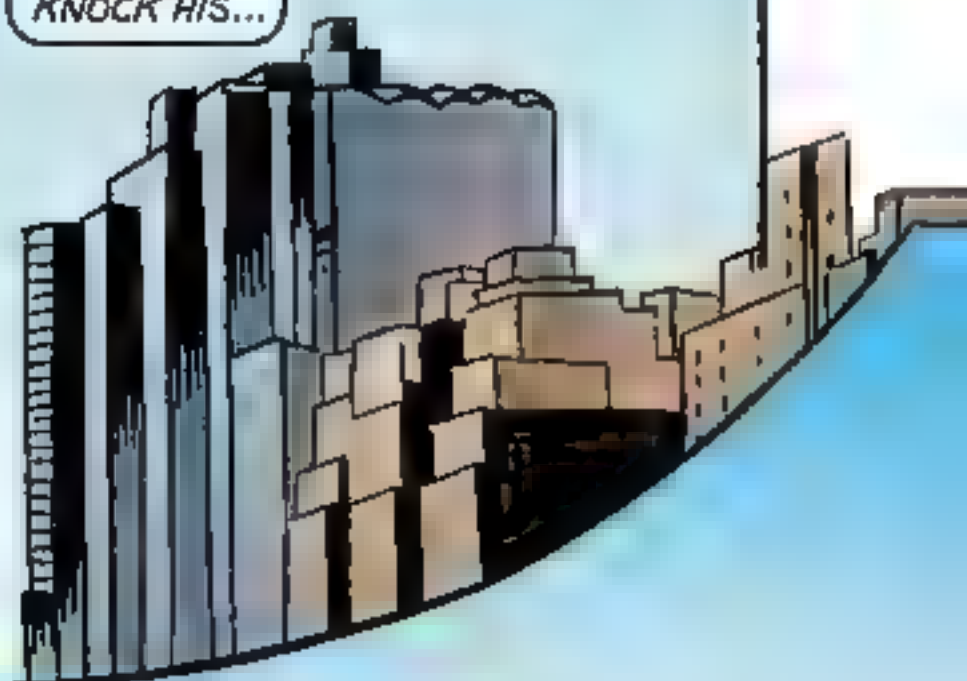


TONY STARK RULES. HE TOTALLY RULES.

I WONDER IF HE READ MY ESSAY.

MAN, I WOULD LOVE TO SHOW HIM MY WEB FLUID FORMULA. I KNOW HE WOULD LOVE IT.

IT WOULD KNOCK HIS...



ARMOR DISPLAY SHOW

...SOCKS...

...OFF...

...CALL ME A FOUR-EYED, POCKET-PROTECTOR WEARING, FASHION VICTIM, BOOKWORMY DORK BOY...

STARK INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE EXPO



...BUT THIS IS FRICKIN' COOL.

...AND WELCOME TO THE FIFTH ANNUAL STARK INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE EXPO!!

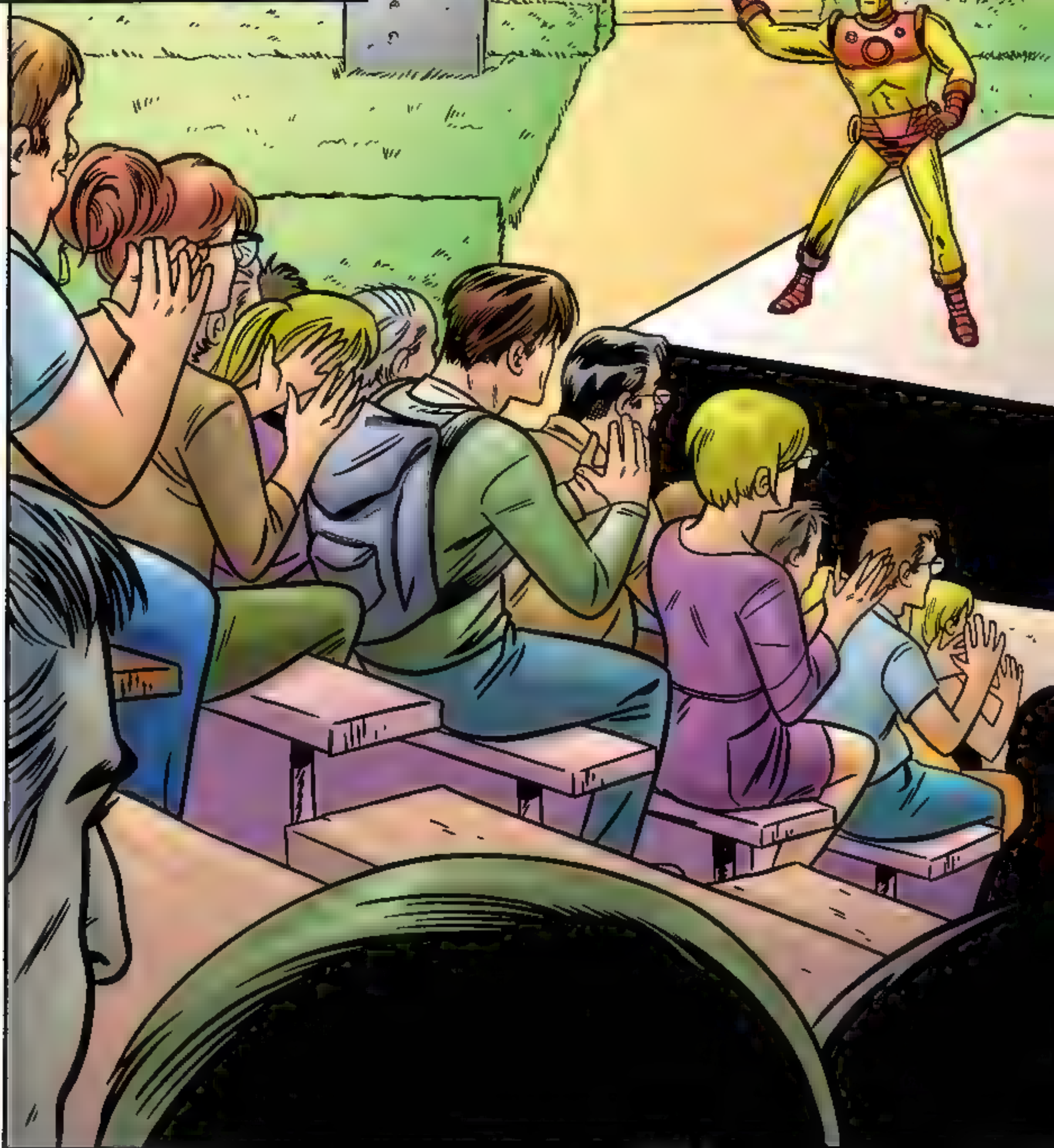
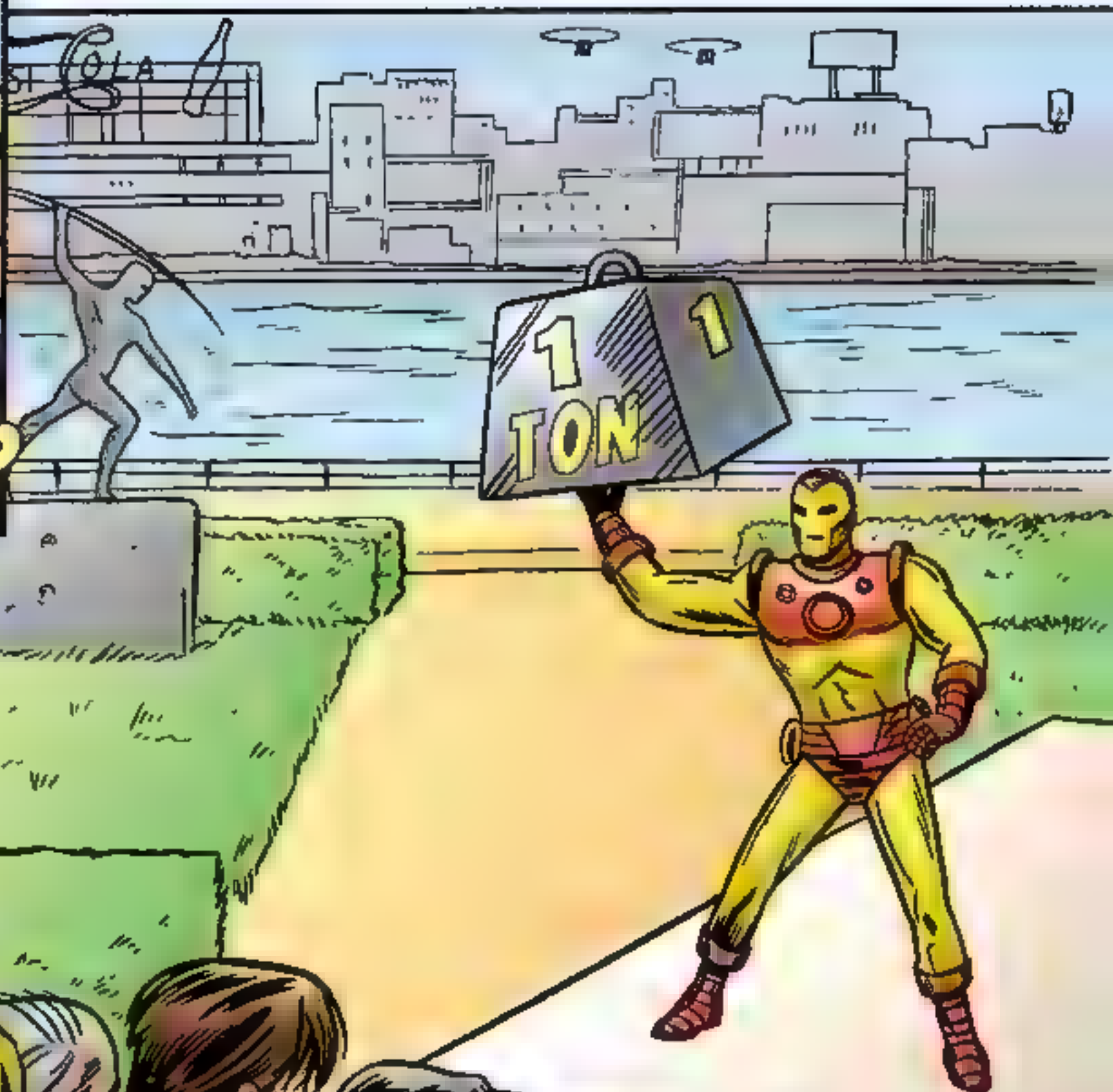
BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE COALITION OF NATIONS FOR A STRONGER TOMORROW.

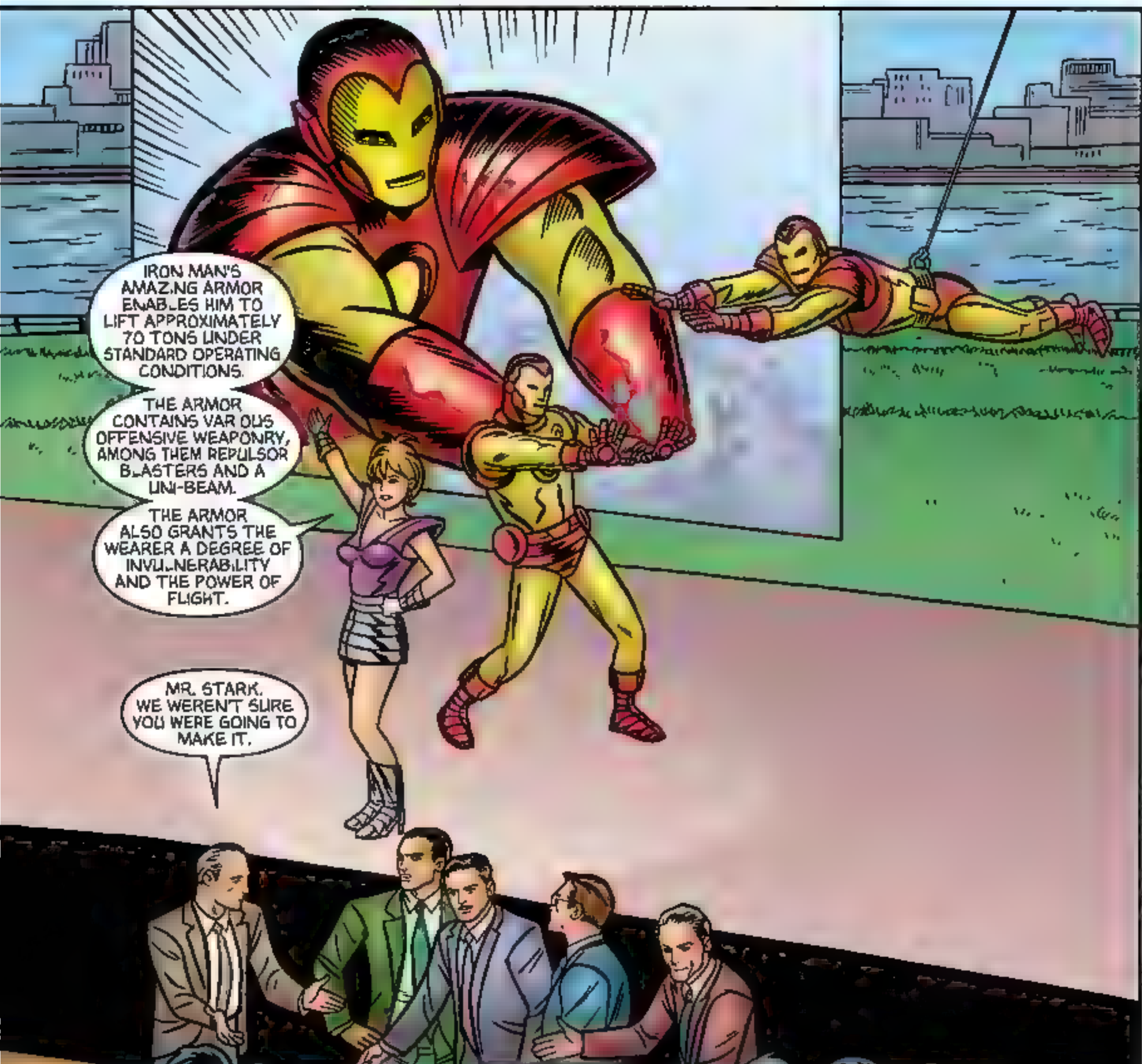
AND STARK INTERNATIONAL -- BRINGING YOU A BRIGHTER FUTURE.

WE ASK THAT ALL STUDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PRESS HOLDING A RED BADGE -- PLEASE MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE OUTDOOR AUDITORIUM.

THE IRON MAN EXHIBITION IS ABOUT TO BEGIN.







IRON MAN'S AMAZING ARMOR ENABLES HIM TO LIFT APPROXIMATELY 70 TONS UNDER STANDARD OPERATING CONDITIONS.

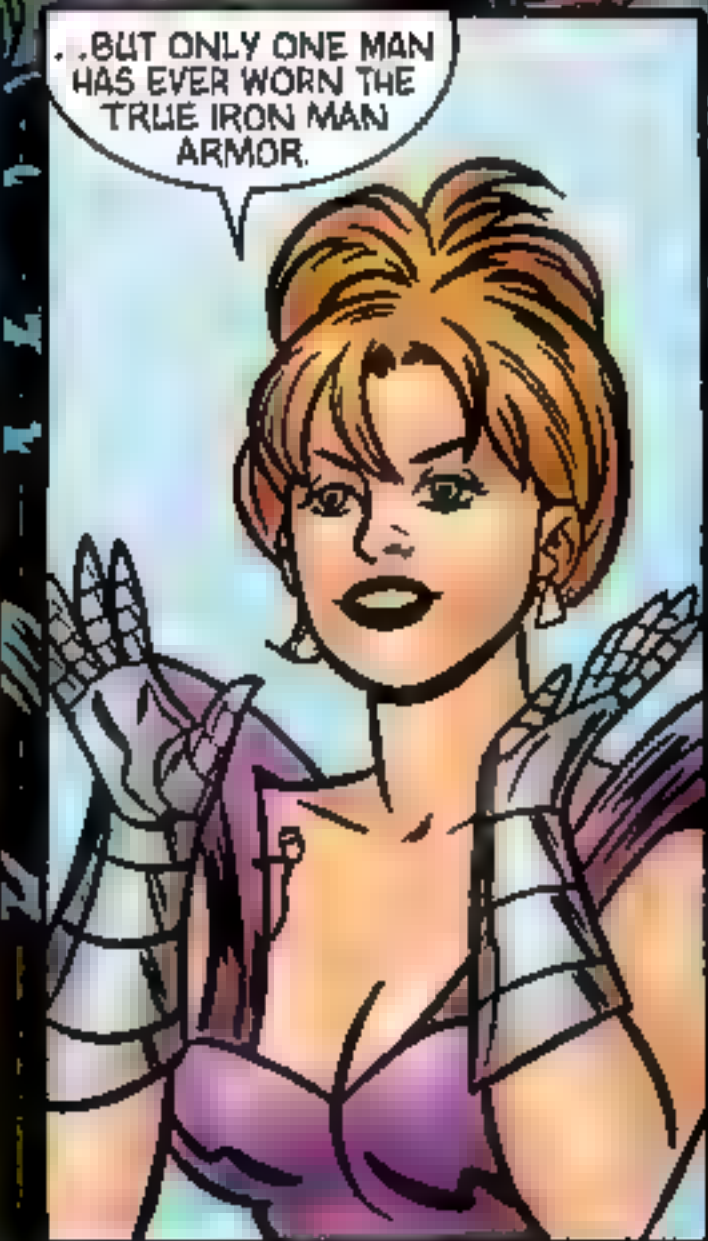
THE ARMOR CONTAINS VARIOUS OFFENSIVE WEAPONRY, AMONG THEM REPULSOR BLASTERS AND A LASER-BEAM.

THE ARMOR ALSO GRANTS THE WEARER A DEGREE OF INVULNERABILITY AND THE POWER OF FLIGHT.

MR. STARK. WE WEREN'T SURE YOU WERE GOING TO MAKE IT.



RELAX, BILL, I TOLD YOU I WOULD.

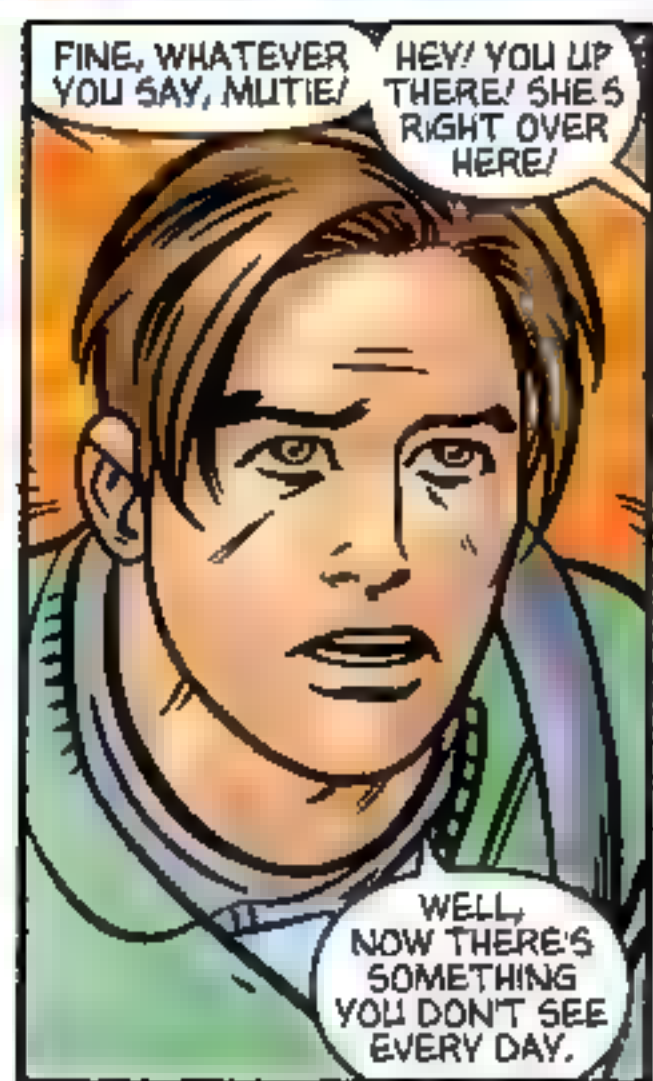
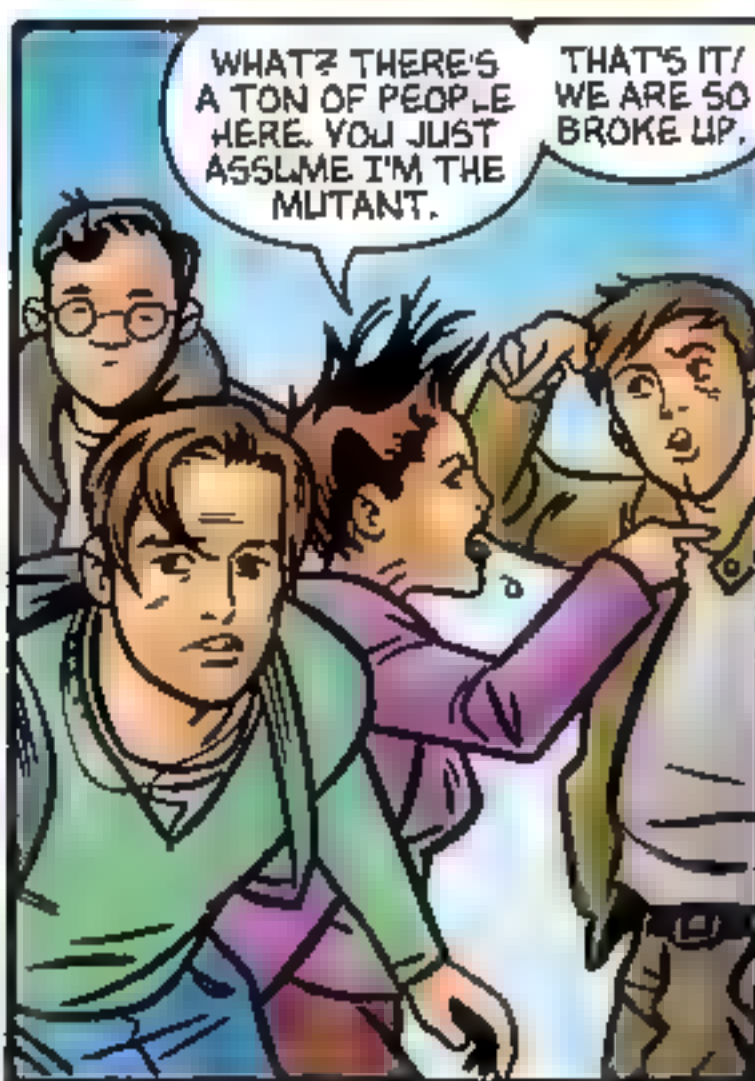
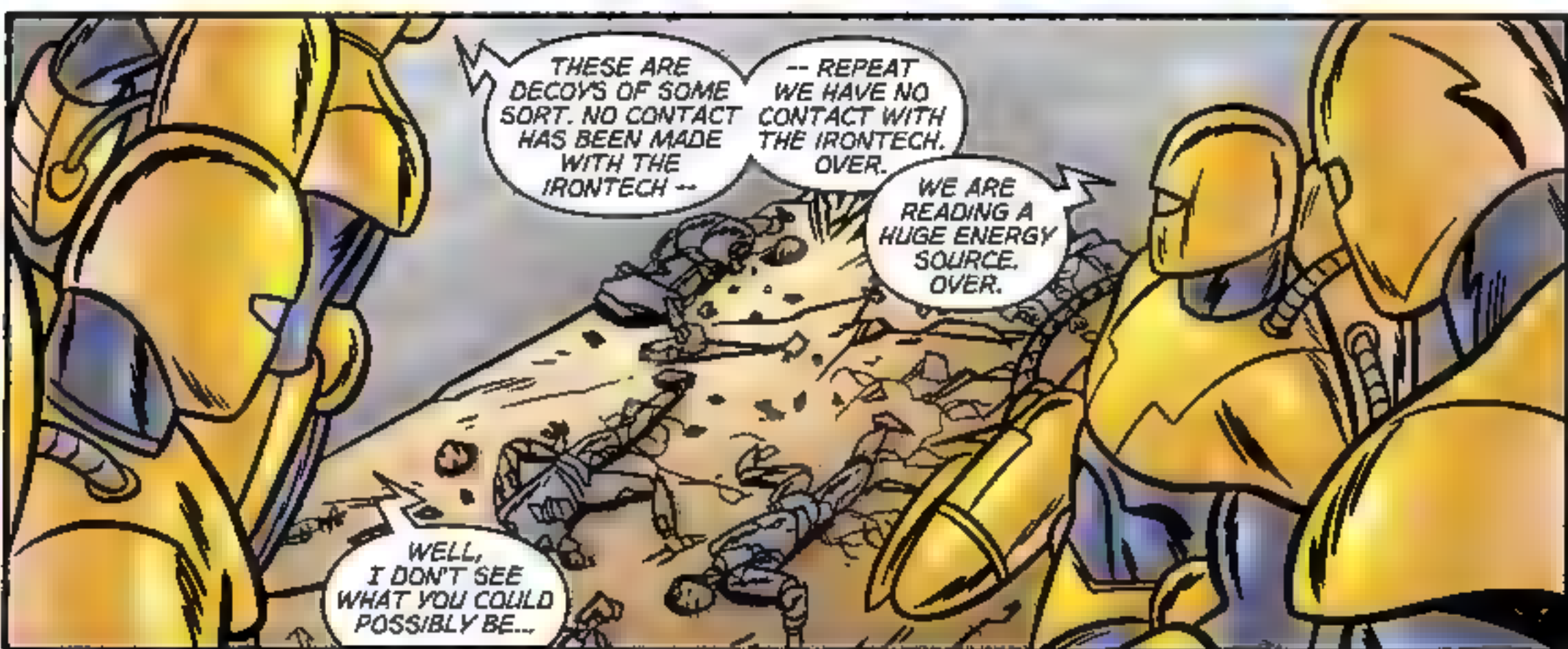


...BUT ONLY ONE MAN HAS EVER WORN THE TRUE IRON MAN ARMOR.



UHH... SOMETHING AIN'T KOSHER.







ATTENTION
CITIZENS OF NEW
YORK CITY.

PLEASE VACATE
THE PREMISES
IMMEDIATELY.

THIS
IS NOT A
STUNT.

